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State Library Notes:

Corrections to the *1995 Montana Library Directory*:

- Myma Lundy's new fax number is [406]622-3231.
- Meagher County Library - White Sulphur Springs New Director: Deborah Giron.
- Daniels County Library - Scobey New Director: Marlene Machart.
- Lewis & Clark Public Library - Helena New ILL Number: [406]442-2380 x 14 or 18.
- Bicentennial Library - Colstrip New Phone Number: [406]748-3040.
- Conrad Public Library - New Director: John Terreo.
- Choteau Public Library - New Director: Dina VanSetten.
- Garfield County Library - Jordan New Director; Jodi Pierson

Corrections to the *Public Library Annual Report of Statistics*: On page 32 in the Interlibrary Loan Chart, South Central should read: Instate Loaned - 5210; Outstate Loaned - 700; Total Loaned - 5910; Instate Borrowed - 3531; Outstate Borrowed - 1809; Total Borrowed - 5340.

Richard Miller will be involved over the next two years with a group established in SJR4 from the recent legislative session, which will study the usefulness and timeliness of legislative committee minutes, and use of technology related to minutes.

Marilyn White has been hired as a new reference librarian for the State Library.

The State Publications Distribution Center at the Montana State library has an opening for one additional library depository. An out-of-state library has dropped out of the Montana program. If your library is interested in receiving the State Publications that become available via the Distribution Center, please let the State Library know immediately. The selected library will need to sign a contact with the Montana State Library and will have to follow certain rules regarding the state publications sent to it. The library can choose to be a 1] core collection depository, 2] a selective depository, or 3] a full depository. If you are interested but have some questions, please call Darlene Staffeldt at [406]444-5381 or Harold Chambers at [406]-444-5432. The library will be selected based on 1] ability to meet contract criteria, 2] geographic location of depositories in Montana, and finally on a 3] first request in basis. Selection will be made on August 18, 1995.

State Library signs Ecosystem MOU: Representing the State Library, Allan Cox, NRIS Director, attended a ceremony on June 22, in the Govemor's Reception Room, for the signing of the *Ecosystem Management Memorandum of Understanding [MOU].* Twenty-one state and federal agencies signed the MOU to establish a framework for cooperation to sustain ecosystems, watersheds, and communities in Montana. The Natural Resource Information System [NRIS] is specifically named in the MOU as having a critical role in natural resource information coordination and dissemination.

NRIS Co-Hosts 1995 GIS Conference: NRIS helped to host the 1995 GIS Conference in Helena, May 8-11. It was attended by more than 250 people from Montana and the Northwest.

This conference was titled "Common Ground in a Complex World." Keynote speakers for the conference were Lt. Governor Dennis Rehberg and Richard Vam, Director of Telecommunications, University of Iowa. Both speakers emphasized the importance of access to information as vital in

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our society today. Monday night was "Public Night" which offered a short talk on basic GIS concepts. Local school children were invited to participate in hands-on GIS demonstrations. Conference participants had a choice of three concurrent sessions, on Natural Resources, Local Government, and Applications Relating to GIS.

Overall the 1995 Conference was a great success. Next year's annual conference will be held in Missoula.

Volunteer Banquet: Eighty-seven people, including Montana State Library volunteers, spouses, staff and special guests attended the 1995 Volunteer Appreciation Banquet at the historic downtown Montana Club on June 16. The following people were honored for five years of service to the Library: Joan Bishop, Roy Kallin, Jeanne Drake, Mary Gabse, Bernece Arts, Jane Weidler, Colleen Mockler, Jack Buckley, Bev Hill, Gert Gullickson, and Phyllis Herbert. Joan Bishop, who has narrated sixteen Montana books in her five years of service, was chosen as Narrator of the Year. Telephone Pioneer, Bob Andre, was given the Lifetime Achievement Award for nearly thirty years of service in repairing talking books.

Each of the guests received a Volunteer Cookie Cookbook which had been compiled by library staff from recipes submitted by staff and volunteers.

Peggy Guthrie, State Library Commission Vice-chair, from Choteau, delivered the keynote address, and Montana author, Sally Garrett Dingley of Dillon, who has written over a dozen Harlequin novels, was the special guest.

Preconference on volunteers a first: In recognition of the key role of volunteers and the need for ongoing training of volunteer managers in libraries for the blind and physically handicapped, a preconference on volunteers was held in Lead, South Dakota, May 3-4. Sandra Jarvie, Director of the Montana Talking Book Library and Gen Allen, Montana State Library Volunteer Coordinator, planned and attended the session.

The Western Council of State Libraries granted $15,000 for the preconference in response to a proposal made by State Librarian, Richard Miller, in 1994. Twenty-one libraries were represented in the preconference. Representatives from the National Library Service for the Blind also attended. Most of the National Library Service for the Blind also attended.

Participants were reminded of the need to create work environments and goals that meet the motivational needs of individual volunteers.

"Libraries for the Blind rely heavily on volunteers. The commonalities session we had was a great chance to talk with other volunteer managers who work in libraries for the blind and to address common concerns and probe what works best in volunteer management," said Gen Allen. "We were all grateful to the Western Council and to Richard Miller and Sandra Jarvie for their leadership in making this conference happen."

Public Library Internet Infrastructure Project Gets Underway: Lewis & Clark Library, together with the State Library is working on another project to connect more Montana libraries to the Internet. This project called PLIIP, or Public Library Internet Infrastructure Project, will initially connect five public libraries. The project, made possible through Title II LSCA funds, requires a 50% local match and may only be used by public libraries. It will offer Internet access to selected libraries which fall within the frame relay network and which have submitted a letter of interest to their federation headquarter's librarian prior to the designated deadline.

The criteria for selecting the first five libraries were relatively simple: These five all currently have a dedicated connection to WLN through which they perform original cataloging, interlibrary loan, acquisitions and other reference services. WLN is planning to switch from the current leased line connection, to TCP/IP. This means these libraries must have such a connection to utilize these services through WLN. The grant project will provide appropriate hardware (routers, CSU/DSUs and installation costs). The individual library will pay equipment maintenance costs and telecommunications charges for connecting to the frame relay network, which will point them to the Internet Point of Presence [POP].

Lewis & Clark Library, with their Wiring Montana Libraries Project has recently completed a lengthy RFI process and is negotiating a contract with a private third party provider of the Internet called InfoMine of the Rockies in Deer Lodge, MT. InfoMine will allow a T-1 line to connect to the Internet without additional monthly charges associated with an Internet connection. Once the five libraries which are WLN dedicated online subscribers are

switched over to TCP/IP and that connection is working solidly, the other public libraries selected to participate will be brought onto the Internet connection.

Questions about this project should be submitted to Debbie Schlesinger or Bruce Newell at Lewis & Clark Library, or to Vicki Terbovich, at the State Library.

Sara Parker, Montana State Librarian from 1982 until 1988, has recently been named Missouri State Librarian. She began her duties there June 15.

Commission News:

Cheri Bergeron, OPI's Resource Center Librarian, will serve as the State Superintendent's designee to the State Library Commission effective July 1, 1995. Cheri's phone number is 406-444-2083. Several curriculum specialist positions, [including the Library Media Specialist held by Diana Boom] have been eliminated from the Office of Public Instruction's budget effective July 1 due to budget cuts.

Effective May 22, Governor Marc Racicot has reappointed Mary Doggett to the State Library Commission for three-year term.

Michael Schulz has been reappointed for a three-year term to the Commission effective July 1 by Jeffrey D. Baker, Commissioner of Higher Education.

On May 19, the State Library Commission appointed members to the Library Services Advisory Council to serve until June 1, 1997. Those members reappointed and serving in the same capacities include: **Andrine Haas** - academic libraries; **Rep. Ray Peck** - the legislature; **Mary Lou Heppner** - public library users of Golden Plains Federation; **Margy Kernan** - school libraries; and **Carolyn Salansky** - public library users of Pathfinder Federation. New members include: **Susan Callaghan** - special libraries; **Nora Verpoorten** - public libraries; **Deborah Schlesinger** - the disabled; **Kathleen Bartlett, Wes Plann and Brett Allen** - public library users of Broad Valleys, Sagebrush and Tamarack federations respectively. **Mary Bushing** will serve a one-year term as MLA President.

Barbara Crain of the McLaughlin Research Institute in Great Falls and Peggy Smith, Skyview High School Library, Billings, are new members of the Statewide Technology Committee, appointed by the State Library Commission April 25.

NOTICE: The next meeting of the Montana State Library Commission, originally scheduled for August 2, has been changed to August 8. The meeting will be in Helena.

Public Library News:

Public libraries can contact Peggy Carroll at U.S. West for information regarding free U.S. West telephone directories on standing order. Her number is [800]422-8793 ext. 1231.

Peggy Floerchinger retired as director of the Conrad Public Library the end of May. She was replaced by **John Terreo**, who hails originally from Memphis, Tennessee. He was in charge of rare book activities at the University of Memphis from 1978 to 1985. From 1988 to 1993 he was Oral Historian at the Montana Historical Society in Helena and from 1993 to 1995 he worked in the oral history/history section at Computer Sciences Corp., a military contractor, in the Mohave Desert.

Elaine Larsen, director of the Choteau Public Library, has also retired and has been replaced by **Dina VanSetten**, who was previously working part time for the library. Elaine now works part time for the Library.

Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives wins Session Award: The Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives Labor History Collection was named one of two winners of the 1995 John Sessions Award presented by the ALA's Reference and Adult Service Division [RASD].

The award, a plaque donated by the AFL-CIO, is given to a library or library system in recognition of work with the labor community.

Regarding the Butte-silver Bow Public Archives, Arthur C. Meyers, chair of the John Sessions Memorial Award committee, said, "The committee was impressed that in a restrictive environment, the rich labor history of the region and the state have been presented and made more accessible."

The Butte-Silver Bow public Archives involves local government and the labor community working together to preserve the heritage of the community and state through collection, preservation and educational exhibits. In 1992, the Montana AFL-CIO acknowledged the work of the Archives in collecting and preserving this history, an integral part of the national labor heritage. The Archives has been

designated as the official labor archives of the state.

The awards were presented on June 26, at the RASD Awards Reception, during the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago.

Ellen Crain is archivist, Marilyn Manley, chair of the Archives Board of Directors and James D. Harrington, is president of the Butte Historical Society. **Congratulations!**

BridgerNet is here! Bozeman Public Library's Dynix Express system is up and running. Known as BridgerNet, the system allows remote access to the library's catalog of holding, and has automated circulation of materials. By fall the system is anticipated to have community resources, and Kids' Catalog as well. The latter is a pictorial interface to make the library's public catalog friendlier for children. The library expects to add electronic resources on a continuing basis. Contact Lois Dissly, System Administrator, at[406]582-2403.

National News:

ALA Traveling Exhibition: The ALA and the Newberry Library, Chicago, have received a $350,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities [NEH] for a project entitled "The Frontier in American Culture." The project includes an exhibition that examines how stories and images of the frontier and the settling of the West have played an integral role in shaping American identity and values.

Forty-five libraries will be selected as host libraries for the exhibition for six weeks at each library between September 1996 and August 1998.

Commitments by host libraries include active promotion of the exhibit and attendance at a planning meeting in Chicago [travel funds provided]. Contact: Asa App, Public Program, ALA, [800]545-2433x5053.

1996 "Born to Read" grant applications available: Requests for applications are being accepted for "Born to Read: How to Nurture a Baby's Love of Learning" project sites, part of the three-year demonstration project funded by The Prudential Foundation and administered by ALA's Association for Library Services to Children [ALSC]. **The deadline for applications is September 22.**

Two $30,000 grants will be awarded to encourage partnerships between librarians and health care providers to empower at-risk expectant parents to take an active role in the early education and well-being of their babies. Programs must be implemented by February 1, 1996.

Contact: Born to Read Grant Application II, Attn: April Judge, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 6061.

Calendar:

Aug 8 Mt. State Library Commission meeting in Helena.
Sep Library Card Sign-Up Month
Sep 4 Labor Day [State Holiday]
Sep 23-30 Banned Books Week

Oct 4-7 Mountain Plains Library Association Tri-Conference "Blue Print for the Future," In Sioux Falls, SD. Contact: Joe Edelen,University of SD, [605]677-6082.
Oct 9 Columbus Day [State Holiday]
Oct 18 Montana State Library Commission Meeting
Oct 21-24 COSLA meeting in Harrisburg, PA

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LIBRARY SERVICES GOALS FOR MONTANA

ADOPTED BY THE LIBRARY FUTURES TASK FORCE

GOAL 1 - DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A STATEWIDE MASTER PLAN FOR LIBRARY SERVICE, TECHNOLOGY, EDUCATION, TRAINING AND OTHER RELEVANT AREAS FOR ALL MONTANA LIBRARIES, INCORPORATING EXISTING PLANNING EFFORTS. THE PLAN SHALL INCLUDE A PROCESS FOR DEVELOPING A STATEWIDE GRASSROOTS CONSENSUS ON ALL PLANNING ISSUES.

Objective:

The State Librarian will present a proposed master plan based upon the task force goals and objectives, including other relevant plans (e.g., statewide technology plan, LSCA long-range program), to the State Library Commission and to the MLA Board, by January 1996.

Suggested components: The Process -- 5-member advisory group; hired facilitator/editor/writer; the Plan -- long and short-term goals/objectives; 3-year time line; general implementation plan for all libraries.

GOAL 2 - ENSURE ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE ACCESS TO INFORMATION FOR ALL MONTANA CITIZENS THROUGH AN OPTIMAL MIX OF FINANCIAL, HUMAN AND OTHER NECESSARY RESOURCES.

Objectives:

1. Draft legislation (i.e., budget proposals to provide for adequate funding for library development) for next legislative session based on Statewide Technology Committee recommendations. -- MLA Government Affairs Committee, by 6/96.

2. Provide budget-related training (including relevant laws, budget operations information and budget preparation) to at least 50 Montana public librarians and trustees. -- State Library, with input from MLA's Public Library Division, by 11/1/95.

3. Prepare and present recommendations for statewide technological development per existing schedule. -- Statewide Technology Committee, by 1/96.

   Suggested components: Everyone in Montana within 50 miles of a computer.

4. Develop guidelines for boards and other hiring entities related to education and training goals and appropriate compensation for library staff.

GOAL 3 - PROVIDE RELEVANT, AVAILABLE, ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE) FOR LIBRARY MANAGERS, STAFF, GOVERNING BODIES AND ADVOCATES.

Objectives:

1. Establish a position at the State Library (via FTE or contract) to coordinate and develop a calendar of CE opportunities, both offerings and available monies in support of such. -- State Library, no date specified, but sense of the group is to look at this beginning immediately, and ongoing.

Suggested component: Two CE opportunities per year in each federation area.

2. Establish a joint permanent statewide CE committee to develop a comprehensive plan. -- State Library and MLA Board -- appoint committee by 12/95; plan completed by 12/96.

   Suggested components: Year's work ahead of time; WLN; OPI; Reading Council; Janis Bruwelheide

GOAL 4 - AFFIRM THE IMPORTANCE OF THE STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION, THE STATE LIBRARY AND THE FEDERATIONS TO PROMOTE MULTI-TYPE COOPERATION. BEGIN THE EXPANSION OF FEDERATIONS INTO MULTI-TYPE LIBRARY ORGANIZATIONS.

Objectives:

1. Invite all librarians to meetings and CE opportunities. -- Federations, Fall of 1995.

   Suggested components: Phone tree; mailings; posters; cannot be mandatory

2. Meet and provide recommendations on how to achieve this goal. -- State Library Commission discusses 8/95 and recommends to Federations; Federations report back to Commission 1/96.

GOAL 5 - MARKET LIBRARY SERVICES TO ALL MONTANA CITIZENS.

Objectives:

1. Perform a statewide needs assessment of library users and non-users to determine citizen needs for library services -- MLA, by 1/97.

   Suggested components: Use university students for survey; best to do in each Federation area

2. Under leadership of the State Library, and in conjunction with other expertise in the state, develop a statewide marketing plan for library services. -- 1/98.

3. Offer two programs a year at non-library professional conferences (e.g., Montana Conference on Educational Leadership, MACO, League of Cities and Towns) regarding what is or should be happening in all types of libraries -- State Library, ongoing.

GOAL 6 - ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT ALL LIBRARY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS (STIMULATE EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION).

Objectives:

1. Establish a single location for submission of such information. -- State Library, by 6/95.

   Suggested components: METNET; Wired Montana; good notification to libraries of where to submit information (Federation meetings, MLA FOCUS, MSL newsletter, Advisory Council meetings, Commission meetings). Information includes but is not limited to: workshops, brochures, author visits, annual reports, statistics, and special promotions.

2. Provide access to the central information base. -- State Library, by 6/96.

3. Hire a public information officer at the State Library (via FTE or contract). -- State Library, 6/95 and ongoing.